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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NEIL A. WILLCOCKS ET AL.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the first sentence after the title, please add the following paragraph to the specification:

--This application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional

Application No. 60/217,070, filed July 10, 2000.--


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REMARKS

This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/217,070, filed July 10, 2000. The above amendment is being made less than sixteen months after the filing of provisional pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5) and inserts into the specification the specific reference to the provisional application required by that rule.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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